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McGill hams to be canned?

by john crenson

The McGill Amateur Radio Club may soon have its budget rescinded.

At last week's chaotic Council meeting, ex-President of the Students' Society, Richard Pomerantz, submitted nine motions before he resigned, one of which asked Council to cancel funds to the Amateur Radio Club and national clubs other than the International Students' Association.

The motion also asked that the funds presently given to these clubs be reallocated to "community oriented programs." The budget of the

Amateur Radio Club (ARC) is \$500.

At last Thursday's meeting, ARC President David Weiner defended his club and accused Pomerantz of engaging in "petty-politicking".

Weiner claimed that the Amateur Radio Club was being "given the shaft" because David Rovins, Internal V-P and now Acting President of the Students' Society, had taken an interest in the operation of the club. Pomerantz and Rovins were constantly at loggerheads while serving on the now-defunct executive.

Also, now that for the first time in its existence Amateur Radio has "decided to come out of its shell to involve students," Weiner feels that his club is being "punished" because ARC members became involved in Students' Council affairs. A few of its members supported Rovins who, according to Weiner, recognized the need for change in the club.

ARC Vice-President Robert Blohm called Pomerantz's motion "a concrete example of the promotion of student apathy."

"Our punishment for showing an interest in Council affairs is the rescinding of a \$500 budget which goes to one of the most used and useful student-run operations on campus," said Blohm.

Amateur Radio provides a free telegram and phone patch service to students. Pomerantz "deliberately misrepresented the club as being just a bunch of hobbyists," added Blohm.

He cited as another example of Amateur Radio's "punishment" the time the club wanted to expand into the fourth floor Union office of the McGill Outing Club which is not used frequently.

Amateur Radio wanted the office because theirs has no windows while the MOC office does. The club wanted to knock down the wall separating the two offices, thus enabling Amateur Radio to use the big picture window in the MOC for natural lighting.

This move, according to ARC executives, would save the Students' Society from \$60 to \$100 per year in artificial lighting. MOC could easily be relocated to another room since there are some unused offices in the Union.

The cost of demolishing the wall would be about \$100. The proposal was turned down.

"This is just another of Rovins' proposals which has been turned down. None of his requests are seriously considered. We feel that Amateur Radio has been penalized because of Rovins' support," said Blohm.

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by robert wallace

QFL: radical new directions?

The Quebec Federation of Labour has left the negotiating table and entered the larger arena of political and social struggle.

Although the role the QFL defined for itself in that struggle is an ambiguous one, several resolutions passed by the 235,000-member labour central at its convention last week reflect the new political direction of the Quebec labour movement.

■ The overwhelming majority of delegates to the convention expressed their "support in principle for Quebec having the total right of self-determination, including the right to declare its sovereignty, with the reservation that this process must be accomplished in accordance with the needs and aspirations of the working classes."

■ Another resolution declared support for "the creation of a permanent inter-union common front on the political and social levels."

■ Still another resolution dedicated the QFL to "the establishment of a socialist and democratic society," to be brought about by "struggle" waged "simultaneously on the political and syndical levels."

"The QFL must broaden the front of progressive forces, channelling all the legitimate movements opposing the system which oppresses us." This "movement of solidarity" would operate on a regional basis; the various regional labour councils would work "conjointly with all syndical, popular and political organisms" sharing the QFL's goals.

■ Finally, delegates felt the QFL "must consider massive participation in a political party and, if need be, set up a new party."

This last resolution was a bone of contention between delegates sympathetic to the

Parti Québécois and those who insisted it was not a genuine working-class party.

The top leadership of the union took some of the strongest pro-PQ stands. Secretary-General Fernand Daoust interpreted the resolution to mean that "those militants who want to work for the PQ will do so with the blessing of the QFL leadership." Referring to "disquieting" statements made recently by the PQ about labour (the PQ refused to support the massive La Presse demonstration of October 29), Daoust said that QFL militants could now work to change these "petit-bourgeois positions" from inside the PQ.

Federation President Louis Laberge took a similar stand. He asked delegates to "pardon" PQ leader René Lévesque for his criticism of the La Presse demonstration; "we mustn't forget what Lévesque has done for the workers," Laberge declared.

But the most enthusiastic pro-PQ man was Jean Gérin-Lajoie, vice-president of the QFL and Quebec director of the United Steelworkers of America. Citing the "massive grassroots support" given to the PQ by workers in the last election, Gérin-Lajoie said that since "we" had patiently built the PQ, "we" should not be too quick to discard it. To form a workers' party at the present time would "alienate us from the population."

As is well known, the Parti Québécois has pledged not to harm American corporate interests in Quebec.

Structurally, the QFL is the Quebec wing of the Canadian Labour Congress and groups mostly locals affiliated to AFL-CIO unions in the United States. The motives behind its leaders' support for the PQ are therefore open to question.

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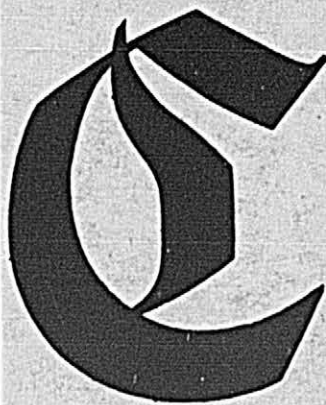
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U.S.-backed exiles raid Cuban village

HAVANA (LNS) Two Cuban border guards were killed and three other persons injured in the latest of a long series of raids on Cuban territory by exiles based in the United States. The Oct. 12 raid took place at the village of Boca de Sama in Oriente Province.

Such raids have occurred every few months since Cuba's revolutionary government came to power in 1959. The grandest of them all was the Bay of Pigs invasion in 1962, when an exile force of over a thousand launched a military assault, only to suffer resounding defeat largely by militia forces within two days.

When the invasion force was captured and questioned, the Cubans determined that themen had been trained, equipped, and escorted to battle by a variety of U.S. agencies, coordinated by the C.I.A., and ordered to go ahead by President John Kennedy. Their ranks consisted of former Cuban rich boys who lost their goods in the revolution, ex-members of dictator Batista's army and police apparatus, and a good number of mercenaries.

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However, according to Arts and Science representative and member of the finance committee René Sorell, "There is no danger of Amateur Radio's budget being taken away since a two-thirds vote by Council is required to rescind the budget of any club."

Sorell did not think that the Pomerantz proposal would be able to muster this necessary two-thirds majority.

"I think," added Sorell, "that all of the motions presented by Pomerantz were calculated to get back at people who had denied him support — this list includes Rovins, Amateur Radio and the Daily."

The Arts and Science representative supported Council's decision not to vote on the Pomerantz motions, reasoning that, since this was the last meeting of the current Council, "any decisions on such matters, would be an infringement on the rights of the new Council."

The Cubans are hoping that international opinion and enough popular pressure from inside the United States will build up to force the U.S. government to end its policies of harassment by:

- Stopping the U.S. funding, organizing, and direction of Cuban groups opposed to the revolution and putting an end to their armed raids against Cuba.
- Lifting the U.S. trade and economic blockade.
- Preparing to negotiate the return of Guantanamo U.S. Naval Base to Cuba.

The first two are the most immediate concerns. The U.S. imposed trade and diplomatic blockade has inflicted severe hardships on Cuba, which the Cubans recently dramatised by landing a plane full of Cuban sugar specialists on American soil to the astonishment of the New Orleans air traffic controller who sputtered his refusal to let them come down.

Upon disembarking, the Cubans announced that they had arrived to attend an international sugar conference taking place in the United States, since Cuba is one of the world's major producers of sugar. Naturally, they were escorted to a hotel, refused permission to attend the conference, and U.S. officials tried to figure out how to send them back.

The economic blockade has fostered scarcities in most areas of the Cuban economy which U.S. newspapers have frequently presented as the results of socialist policies. Transportation problems are great, with U.S.-made cars, buses, and trains left over from before the revolution frequently out of commission for lack of spare parts. Cuban mechanics have devised ingenious repairs — many engines are now held together by rubber bands and baling twine, according to local jokes — but lack of spare parts is a very serious matter in a country where a lot of the factories and machinery are still stamped "Made in U.S.A."

The diplomatic blockade seems to be slowly crumbling. The Cubans may establish relations with Peru in the near future. Peru would be the third Latin American country (after Mexico and Chile) to defy the Organization of American States.

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Similarly, the reasons for the QFL's new political involvement are not so much revolutionary as practical. According to Laberge, it was "collusion between government, high finance and the judicial system" that forced unions to fight on the social and political fronts as well as by industrial bargaining.

"The best collective agreement is powerless to prevent the government legislating away, with a stroke of the pen, the rights acquired in struggles going back as much as 100 years," he said. This meant that "we have to change the system as a whole."

Laberge added, however: "Our enemies and all the people on the right say we are preaching revolution. It's exactly the opposite. By becoming involved in political action, we will prevent the anarchists from getting power."

TODAY

PREMED INFO: Rap with med students. McIntyre room 626. 1-2.

WOMEN'S INTERCOLLEGIATE VOLLEYBALL: Practice. Currie Gym. 7:30-9.

SKI TEAM: (men and women) Important meeting for those interested, including those who have already signed up. Currie gym foyer. 4:30.

COMMUNITY MCGILL: Babysitters are urgently needed for six and ten year old boys in Longueuil. Union 414. 12-2. 392-8980.

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WOMEN'S CLINIC OPENS

Montreal's first bilingual and full-time women's abortion and birth control counselling service opens its offices today.

Run entirely by women, the privately sponsored offices will be open from 12 noon to 8 pm every day except Wednesday and Sunday.

Up till now, the women have been operating out of the Ste-Famille Clinic. Due largely to the efforts of the McGill Committee for Abortion Law Repeal, the bilingual service is now located at 1600 Berri no. 230, near the Berri Metro station.

There are four counsellors, two of whom are McGill students. They have indicated that, besides giving advice, they are willing to go out to speak at high schools on issues related to abortion and women's liberation.

All services are free.

Sadi states views on Indo-Pakistani conflict

Confusion and heated argument highlighted a meeting of Pakistanis Saturday when A.T. Sadi, a member of Pakistan's delegation to the U.N. attempted to present the official government view of the crisis there.

The start of the meeting was delayed by an impromptu prayer call which resounded through the corridors of the second floor of the Leacock Building. The call had barely subsided when two individuals burst into L219, carrying a large Pakistani flag as the waiting audience looked on.

The prayer was done in the orthodox style, but only a fraction of the audience participated.

After the prayer, the meeting began, but without the main speaker. One of the organizers filled in, launching into a long harangue against all solutions to human suffering—capitalism, communism, and all other "isms". He denounced "politicians" like Kosygin, Indira Ghandi, Mao Tse-tung and Yahya Khan as "liars".

When Sadi finally arrived, he was given a long introduction which mentioned, among other things, his impressive showing in high school examinations.

Sadi began the talk emotionally, informing the audience that he was "mentally not having a nice time."

"Pakistan", the agitated speaker proclaimed, "was created for the emancipation of the Muslims of the whole world".

Terming the movement of the people of Bengal "nothing but a conspiracy against Islam", he went on to say that "Not a single devout Muslim supported the secession of East Pakistan."

"The whole thing was engineered by the Indian press which published exaggerated accounts of East Pakistani events which were picked up by the Western media, thus creating a sense of panic amongst East Pakistanis, so they fled to India."

Sadi accused the non-Muslim powers, led by India and assisted by the West, of desiring the "dismemberment of Islamic Pakistan". But he went on to say that "Pakistan still considers the United States its ally". Sadi said that "the

Pakistan-China friendship is only a normal state-to-state relationship."

"Muslims", continued Sadi, "are the best nation in the world."

Sadi told the story of a man working in a New York bar who had embraced Islam and fasted for a whole month: "Should we Muslims not be ashamed that we do not fast?", Sadi asked.

"When you act as a true Muslim, when you perform your religious rites, other nations will be attracted to you and sympathise with you," Sadi added that "Pakistan and Islam are synonymous".

While he admitted that "glaring disparities" exist between East and West Pakistan, Sadi claimed that the two were capable of solving their internal disputes without "destroying the house".

A question period planned after Sadi's speech, was postponed until after another prayer. During the prayer Sadi left "for another appointment".

The meeting resumed, again without its main speaker, leaving the audience in confusion. Written questions had been solicited from the audience, and a number of people who had wanted to ask questions directly were disappointed.

One member of the audience had confronted an organizer in a heated discussion, and others had to stand in the way to prevent a fist fight.

The angry individual later explained that he had been irritated by the organizer's remark that "there are some radical elements in the audience and I would like to see that they are not allowed to speak".

There was more confusion when one of the organizers suddenly began reciting verses from the Koran.

Silence returned, but the main speaker hadn't, and members of the audience were asked to present their views anyway. One of them received applause when he warned against the "machinations of the reactionary rulers in both India and Pakistan against their own people".

He called upon the Indians and Pakistanis to oppose the repressive regimes in both countries.

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LETTERS

The Daily has received an abnormally large volume of correspondence over the past few weeks. It is our policy to print virtually all letters received, and we apologize to correspondents for the sometimes lengthy delays in printing their letters. However, we ask all correspondents to be brief, and to submit their letters in typewritten form, double-spaced.

Good grief, Mr. Eibel

Sir,
The following was intended to be a short letter to the editor in reply to the past few letters which have appeared in the *Daily* from a David Eibel. In trying to put together a somewhat comprehensive and convincing reply though, I have found that it is difficult to do in short form. Therefore I forward this to you in the hope that you will either print this in its entirety or in a shortened version, if you so wish.

Mr. David Eibel:

For one who is so obviously against the leftist leanings of the *McGill Daily* and the inherent lack of freedom in a leftist, call it Marxist or socialist society, I find it astounding that you have not yet expressed surprise at the fact that your opinions so frequently find print in this media.

Liberty seems to be an important right for you, and it is also a laughable term to apply to the "love it or leave it" type attitude which prevails in North America. Liberty in a country such as ours means freedom to go along with the status quo. If you don't happen to like things the way they are, you are at liberty to express your dissatisfaction, verbally or by means of political action. (Certainly you can think back to the FRAP group, French journalists, union leaders and so on). And the government is at liberty to slap you in jail under something like the WMA for something like insurrection.

You have a right to determine your own life under a capitalist system, as you say Mr. Eibel, providing you happen to be one of those people who are 'well off'. If you are among the vast majority who do not fall in this category, you have three choices. Either you go out and find some job, any job at all just so you can exist. You can also fall back on the social assistance programme and likely be better off doing nothing. The third choice of course is to change the system.

The social security system, providing unemployment insurance, old age benefits, hospital insurance etc, Mr. Eibel, was by the way, first conceived by the C.C.F. a socialist party. The Liberal government (or was it the Conservative—they're all the same you know . . .) took over these measures and implemented them because they had to; either that or lose the reins of power to a party which would put them into legislation.

But even these measures, which were drastic to be sure, for a Liberal administration, are still inadequate. Across the country there are old age pensioners who have worked all their lives to have a little house in which to retire, but one finds day after day, that they are losing their houses because of

the heavy tax burden in the way of property taxes, school taxes and so on. The underprivileged (poor or poverty being a dirty word to capitalists . . .) don't have a chance at all to get out of their rut. What do you do with them Mr. Eibel? You would likely continue packing them into filthy ghetto areas, pay them a paltry sum for which they have to endure constant criticism, humiliation and degradation, try to forget they are there, and pat yourself on the back for being such a great humanitarian.

Have you ever seen slum housing Mr. Eibel? Can you picture your walls crawling with roaches, your bed with bugs, your floors with rats? Can you imagine turning on your water tap and having to wait until the bugs race out before you get a drop? Can you picture yourself having to go to bed with a winter coat on because the heat doesn't work, or warming your hands on a light bulb so you can defrost them in order to dig up up to \$250 for the month's rent that the slum lord charges? I seriously doubt that you can Mr. Eibel. Yet these are the cold hard facts of this capitalist society you so strongly glorify.

You are also misinformed about the current system of taxation. WE ARE NOT presently under a progressive income tax structure, as you would have us believe. I must agree with your statement that "the working classes pay very little of the total tax revenues". After all, you can only get so much milk from dry cows, so to speak. The fact of the matter is that those earning the larger amounts of money can find all sorts of loop holes through which to crawl. The government makes vast amounts of special tax concessions to industry and to the corporate business man. The Renegade Report on Poverty, (Ian Adam, Bill Cameron, Brian Hill and Peter Penz) shows that 54 percent of the income of poor people (earning \$2,000 or less) goes in payment of taxes, direct and indirect, and 60 percent of social security contributions are included. By comparison, those with incomes over \$10,000 pay only 37-38 percent of their income in the same taxes. Corporate executives can also deduct the costs of up to two conventions per annum, along with various outrageous expense account claims, entertainment bills and so on. So no matter which way you look at it, the people in the lower income bracket are being shafted and are being kept in their rut and will remain there until such time as someone liberates them or they liberate themselves.

Reading on further in one of your letters, (dated Nov. 24), I can't seem to grasp how anyone can be so ignorant concerning the United States' rape of the Canadian people and their land.

In many cases it amounts to a complete rip-off and we, as Canadians can't do a damn thing about it because the subsidiary plants and offices are run from far away centers in the States.

You, Mr. Eibel, may as well take out your U.S. citizen papers. And while you're at it, why not buy an industry or two on the Great Lakes. Then you can pollute the life, if there is any left, out of the Lakes, and disassociate yourself from the problem completely. After all, with any luck, you will only pollute the Canadian side, right?

Your problem is that you are also "subservient to a system which demands complete and unquestioning loyalty to a cause which destroys human dignity". That being capitalism and the quest of the almighty green buck. I imagine it is also the fact that you are from a well off family which has allowed you to lead this sheltered life. For being so hung up on liberty etc., you definitely don't qualify as a free thinker with all that capitalist rhetoric you sling around.

It can only be hoped of one who so proudly signs BA-E1 after his name that you acquire an education and take a trip into reality before you sign BA-E2.

Klaus Jaunich

Protests fee rise

Sir,

The proposal to raise fees for foreign students attending McGill is illogical. It will reduce the number of foreign students at McGill, promoting a narrow provincial attitude among the remaining students, and cheapening McGill's image, reducing it to just another moderate-sized, mediocre North American university. McGill would cease to be attractive to students of outstanding ability who are presently attracted by its international reputation. The quality of the students at McGill would thus decline due to this and to the reduction in number of applications; with fewer applicants the university would have less choice as to who it accepted.

McGill would also be helping to ensure the preservation of a class system in developing countries by restricting the number of opportunities for students who are not from the upper classes to attend university abroad. Even at present a university education abroad is denied to most qualified students for financial reasons. In its own way McGill would be contributing to a worsening of the situation. Only the children of the rich could afford to study in more developed countries if all universities followed McGill's proposed example.

The attitude of some Canadians towards foreign students is unreasonable. If more foreign students had the

opportunity to study in Canada, at a reasonable price, this would in the long run probably prove to be the cheapest form of effective public relations Canada could undertake, as these students would eventually rise to occupy leadership positions in their home countries, assisted by the superior education they gained in Canada. You cannot buy goodwill with money, but it does go a long way, if properly spent, towards enhancing already generally favorable relations. With Canada's large investments in foreign countries, these good relations could prove to be financially rewarding in the future.

Like the U.S., Canada enjoys a high standard of living at the expense of underdeveloped countries, because it can use them as sources of raw materials and agricultural products, and as markets for expensive manufactured goods. In the particular case of my country (Jamaica), few people pay any form of taxes which go to Canada directly or indirectly, but they do support the Canadian economy by buying Canadian goods and providing Canada with cheap ore (bauxite, the ore of aluminium) and agricultural produce. The Canadian government probably receives many times more money in revenues from Alcan's operations based on the use of Jamaican ore than it spends in indirect subsidies to Jamaican students. These subsidies remain in Canada, unlike "foreign aid" used to try and bribe foreign governments to continue to allow Canadian "investors" to exploit their country.

John Fowler

STATEMENT FROM THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

1. The proposed fee hike will cause a drastic reduction in the number of foreign students enrolled at McGill.
2. The attitude of the majority of the student body is a consenting silence.
3. Foreign students are scapegoats of the New Education Policy.
4. Canadian students will be affected by the closure of some departments due to the sudden decrease in the number of foreign students and also the restriction which will be imposed by the new regulations accompanying the fee hike.
5. The Students' Society, the administration, and the various faculties should take a stand in support of the foreign students since they will be equally affected.
6. The ISA, therefore, opposes the fee hike totally and urges members of the McGill community to oppose the victimization of foreign students.

James Bay and the Crees

Man—the technologist—the polluter is the greatest hazard to the Cree Indians of James Bay.

The Nottaway, Broadback, Rupert, Eastmain, La Grande and adjacent rivers are wild and beautiful. But that is not important.

In October when it is time for beaver trapping, the herds of caribou migrate south, and the great moose roam the region, the woodland becomes the livelihood of the Cree Indians. But that is not important.

The multi-billion dollar James Bay development project will destroy the livelihood of approximately 5000 Cree Indians who live by hunting and fishing. But that is not important.

The James Bay region could give millions of kilowatts of power per hour. That is the only important thing.

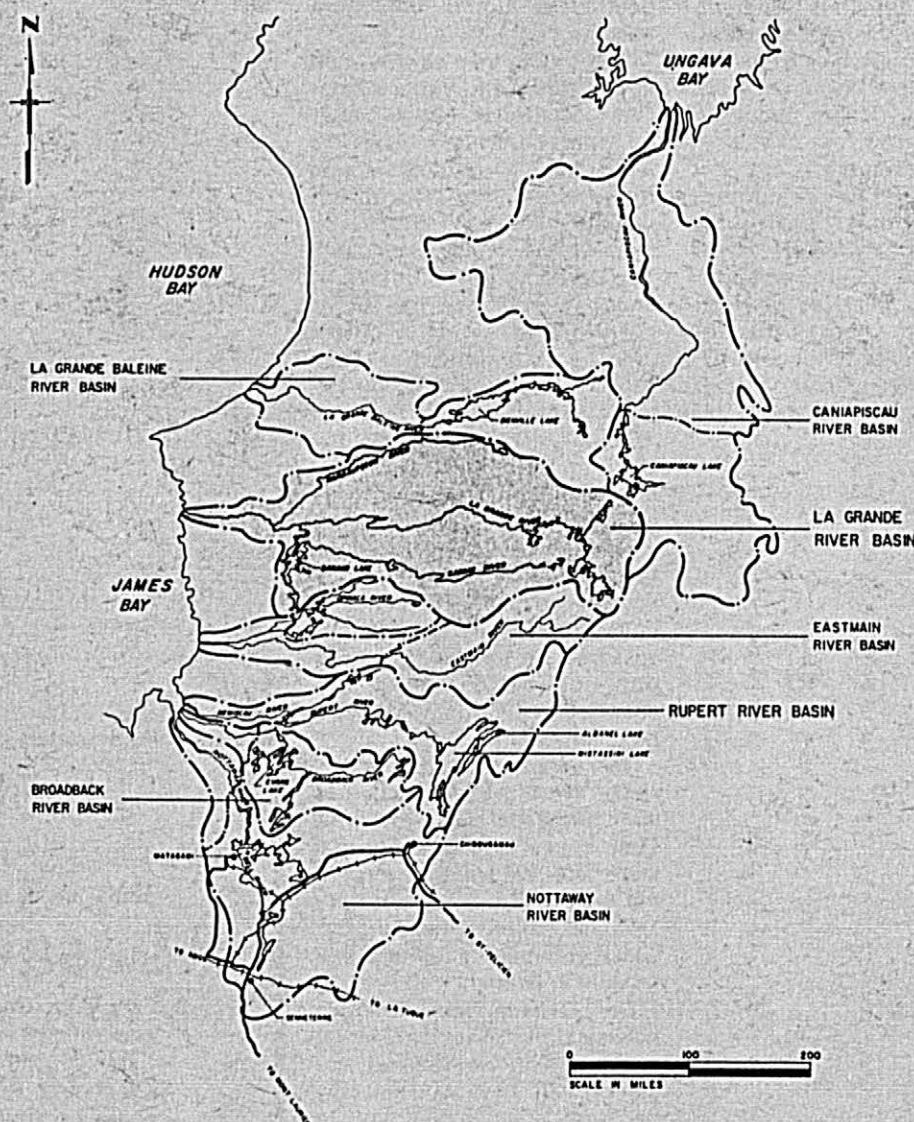
July 14, 1971, the Quebec provincial government adopted Bill 50 on the James Bay project and as a result the region totalling 171,000 square miles became the pride and treasure of one nation. Bill 50, entitled James Bay Region Development Act, consists of forty-five sections. It is a joint stock company incorporated under the name of "James Bay Development Corporation".

The main objects of the Corporation are to promote the development and exploitation of the natural resources and carry out such development and exploitation in accordance with the act, giving priority to Quebec interests.

The two main sections concerning Indian communities are sections 5 and 43. Section 5 says that the Corporation must see to the protection of the natural environment and prevent pollution in the Territory. Section 43 states the act shall in no way affect rights of Indian communities living in the territory.

The decision to go ahead with the James Bay project was taken primarily because of the political necessity of generating new activity. This gave rise to severe political and administrative strains within the government, particularly with Hydro-Québec. The size of the project, the uncertainty surrounding the price at which the power could be delivered, and the need to obtain the required financing estimated at around \$6 billion were all matters of controversy. The fact that the Indian hunting grounds would be flooded by the huge reservoirs and the project would cut off fresh water did not seem controversial at the time. The government refuses to recognize the Indian claims in the north.

This article was prepared by David Diamond of the McGill Intertribal Council of Native Students.



This map is taken from a study prepared by a team of consulting engineers for Hydro-Québec. It is entitled "Hydroelectric Power Potential of the James Bay area: Preliminary Evaluation".

A public meeting held in Hydro-Québec headquarters, November 27 of this year attended by about 150, was organized by La Société pour vaincre la Pollution (S.V.P.) to explore the project's potential impact on the environment.

André Langlois, project co-ordinator for the James Bay Development Corporation, said the project was going ahead in order to head off the energy crises expected by 1978.

Chief Max Gros Louis, secretary of the Indian association of Quebec, stated that the white man moves in and assumes the right of conquest and development without regard for the established rights of the native population.

Serge Deyglun, an outdoor writer, said

the power development project was unnecessary and probably dangerous.

"It is a politically inspired, temporary measure designed to alleviate current economic difficulties in Quebec," he said.

"There is a delicate ecological balance in the area and it appears that total destruction of the environment will be impossible to avoid."

The white man is like the beaver building dams. In time the waters become stagnant because the dam cuts off the continuous flow of fresh water. The flooding destroys the ecological surroundings of that dam. The Indian plays a role, as nature intended him to, of balancing nature by hunting the beaver so that

there is not an overabundance of beaver dams. At the same time the beaver supplies the Indian's needs of food, clothing, and necessary utensils.

In the eyes of the white man the impression is that the way of life of the Indians must disappear in order to make way for progress. A small part of the Cree people are now employed with the James Bay Development Corporation where they find themselves caught between two ways of life. In time the destructive project will be completed and they will be unemployed again.

Another major hazard the Indians are facing is water pollution, mainly from man-made mercury contamination. The pollution is coming from a pulp mill of Domtar Ltd. in the region.

During the summer the whitefish, sturgeon, goldeye, yellow, and pike, were a staple food for the Indians. Now these succulent fish are poisoned by mercury. While man-made mercury pollution is there, apparently there has always been naturally-occurring high levels of mercury in northern waters due to the rich mineral content of geological strata. On the other hand, generations of the Cree people have eaten the same species of fish in the same quantities and have not suffered from poisoning. The extent of mercury pollution is very serious and it will result in terrible "hardships" because fish is the most important food in their diets during the summer season.

Four Cree Indians from the Waswanipi Band, in the Matagami area, had blood counts containing 10 times the amount of mercury considered safe. This was serious enough to have them transported in June to Montreal to the Queen Mary Veterans' Hospital for further attention. These people were in serious danger of suffering permanent physical and mental damage.

The Cree Indians face a change in their life-style because they are not able to eat fish in the amounts to which they are accustomed without the risk of mercury poisoning. The flooding of their land will also change their life-styles of hunting and fishing. For most of the Cree Indians hunting and fishing is the only way they know to survive and they cannot live within the white society only to be unemployed, discriminated against.

The Cree Indians do not want to lose a great part of their territory and their traditional way of life. They have been living on their land for thousands of years and have not destroyed it.

The government refuses to recognize the Indian claims in the north. Why doesn't the government treat the Indian like human beings. That is the only real important thing.

LETTERS

In praise of apathy

Sir,

Although I am only an E 1 student, and have not had any experience in university politics, I consider my opinion worthwhile as it perhaps represents the feeling of the average, naive, uninformed student.

In the current light of the goings on of the executive of the students' society, I find it very hard not to join the ranks of the apathetic. This executive has for the past two weeks, been accusing each other on one hand of fraud and on the other of mental disturbance.

These clots obviously have not been fulfilling their duties, for had they been doing so, they would not have had the time to play this childish game, and please do not tell me that the coordination of the organizations representing sixteen thousand students would not take a good percentage of their time.

Last night, I attended my first and hopefully my last Council meeting. Although I stayed only until nine pm, as I felt it would be detrimental to my health to stay longer, I still think that I obtained a somewhat overall picture. I heard Pomerantz put forward his nine motions only then to resign; thus leaving the Council in a quandary as to the

worth of these motions since the above had not justified his proposals.

Naturally, Richard will not resign permanently, as this was only designed as a political move; thus creating the need for a vote of confidence which on winning, he believes, will strengthen his position, (so he believes).

This council meeting, now between Tanny and Rovins, then deteriorated into a mud-slinging contest with backbiting harangues on both sides. At this point I felt that the whole executive should be given a vote of non-confidence, being forced to resign, and left as I felt ill at the sight of this crap.

Rovins did bring up two

points, though, which I feel should be to his credit:

a) that a system be established of checks and balances in the constitution which would better define and limit the duties of the executives,

b) that a financial investigation be conducted on a regular basis so as to keep the expenditures of the council in check.

I, now, join the ranks of the apathetic, although a day ago I could not justify its existence since I felt that the students had chosen to come to McGill and thus, naturally, must have some pride in it; I now greet it with open arms!

Pamela FitzGerald BSc E1

by miguel de cervantes

Quixote drags on

The IBM 360 within Burnside Hall continues churning out predictions. A reproduction of an actual program is being printed here at the request of the computer itself. It felt this was the way to put down, once and for all, any doubts about the genuineness of its prognostications.

Meanwhile, the computer's chief antagonist, our heroic madman, Don Quixote, spent the night outside the computer center gazing at the heavens. Towards the break of day another group of people approached our courageous fool. On seeing them he raised his

hockey stick in the air and shouted at the top of his lungs, "O slaves of society! unthinking servants of states and ideology! Remove thy shackles. Thou shouldst follow the dictates of thine own selves and not be servants of society. The computer within is the symbol of oppression. Join me in destroying it and thou shalt become free."

The people then stopped and spoke the following words: "This country is kept together by the computer and its technology. Originally it was founded in order to run a railroad from "sea to sea" so that the elite would enrich itself. The wealthy provinces continuously feed upon the poorer ones. As we are in a poorer province we must free ourselves from this domination."

To this Quixote replied, "Thou then shouldst remove thy chains from the state by following the dictates of thine own selves. Must thou as citizens resign thy consciences to the legislator? Why hast thou consciences then. Thou need to cultivate a respect for the law, so much as for the right. The only obligation any man shouldst assume is to do what he deems right."

The people spoke again and said, "We must break our ties with this federalist state and form a new strong nationalist state here. We will thus remove the chains of our enslavement from the rich provinces, and our social and cultural heritage will be able to flourish."

Don Quixote then lifted his hockey stick menacingly in the air and said, "No, thou wilt be slaves still! Thou wouldst only be substituting subjugation to one state for subjugation to another. The mere fact that thou wilt delegate power to a group rather than exercise it thyself maketh ye slaves of society. Begone, ye servants, and let the Devil go with ye!"

With these words our misguided hero sallied forth towards them swinging his hockey stick to and fro. To his misfortune he tripped over his weapon and again found himself flat on his face. He rose quickly to his feet, stood erect and undaunted. "Thou doest fear me now, but thou hast not yet felt the power of my blows", he screamed mistaking their laughter for cries of anguish.

They then walked away, laughing heartily at his stupidity. Though he continued to shout his rhetoric at them they did not listen, for they believed that their cause was just and the liberation of the nation would lead to their freedom.

PREDICTIONS FOR TODAY'S GAMES

HEADS OVER PECKERS

MAGNIFICENT 7 OVER MED II

ALESMEN OVER MANIACS

PLUMBERS OVER ENG I

BULLITS OVER REVENGE B

GARDNER OVER DOUGLAS

LAW OVER SNIVELLING GRITS

FOUL SHOOTERS OVER NET VETS

MOLSON OVER MCCONNELL

SECTION I	W	L	PTS
MED III	3	0	6
ALESMEN	3	0	6
LAW	2	1	4
CHOKE ARTISTS	2	1	4
BULLITS	1	2	2
MANIACS	1	2	2
SNIVELLING GRITS	0	3	0
REVENGE B	0	3	0

SECTION II	W	L	PTS
HEADS	3	0	6
NET VETS	2	1	4
PECKERS	2	1	4
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CLASSIFIEDS

MISCELLANEOUS

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- b. Nominations for President must be signed by 100 students, together with their year and Faculty. Nominations for Vice-President must be similarly signed by 50 students. Nomination sheets must be countersigned by the nominee together with his address and telephone number.
- c. All nominations must contain only the following statement: "We, the undersigned students, nominate . . . for the position of . . ."
- d. Any and every member of the Students' Society may vote in the university-wide election, which will be held on Wednesday, January 26, 1972.

Nominations must be submitted to
Myron Galloway, Secretary-Treasurer
of the Students' Society.

The deadline for submission of nominations is
4:00 p.m., Friday, December 10, 1971.

NOTE: All students registered in the University are members of the Students' Society of McGill except for the following:

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Purity prevails as Redmen deny RMC 69-59

by joe dylewski

Just before game time Saturday, a mysterious black limousine pulled up to the Currie Gym. Out of the car stepped a well dressed gentleman and six burly characters. All seven were carrying violin cases. The men made their way up the stairs to their seats. Their presence unnerved some of the few fans who had assembled to watch the McGill Redmen host Royal Military College.

Someone whispered that Bo Legges and his henchmen had come to watch the basketball game. Rumour had it that Legges was getting bored with betting on hockey games and decided to take a whirl at a different sport — basketball.

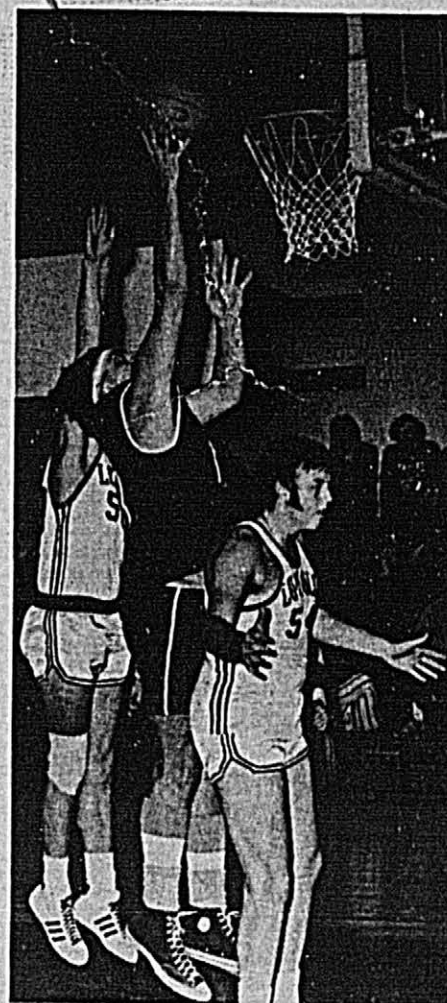
The fans must have suspected that something was on the shady side when they noticed that the referees consisted of the Dynamic Duo — John Elias and Harry Hus. These two have participated in some of the greatest upsets in basketball history. As a matter of fact, Hus was flown up here for this game (at some unknown's expense) from his "permanent" home on the island of Elba.

As play began the Redmen supporters' worst fears were realized as RMC jumped into a 20-9 lead. A smile lit up Bo Legges' face and as he smiled, six others grinned. It appeared as if the game was in the bag. After all, RMC had a substantial lead and McGill was playing as if it were illegal to score a basket.

However, the gang hadn't figured on John Naponick. Before the game they were willing to concede 30 points to the big man but John wasn't satisfied. Naponick ended the game with an amazing 40 point performance. Seventeen of these came in the first half as the McGill team rallied to close within one point at halftime. The smile on Legges' face slowly changed into a snarl.

During the intermission, Legges dispatched one of his men to the official's dressing room. A heated exchange followed, the result of which could have seen a pile of green change hands. In any case, Hus and Elias now own 50 percent of Place Ville Marie.

As play resumed in the second half, Legges was able to breathe easy again. The men from RMC swarmed all over McGill as they pulled into a comfortable seven point lead. It seems that number



HEY, WHAT GIVES!

STANDINGS

	G	W	L	F	A	Pts
Loyola	7	7	0	567	408	14
McGill	8	5	3	569	429	10
Macdonald	7	4	3	594	500	8
Laval	9	3	6	661	766	6
Sir George	4	2	2	342	332	4
Blshop's	5	2	3	338	362	4
Sherbrooke	6	2	4	469	507	4
RMC	6	1	5	410	438	2

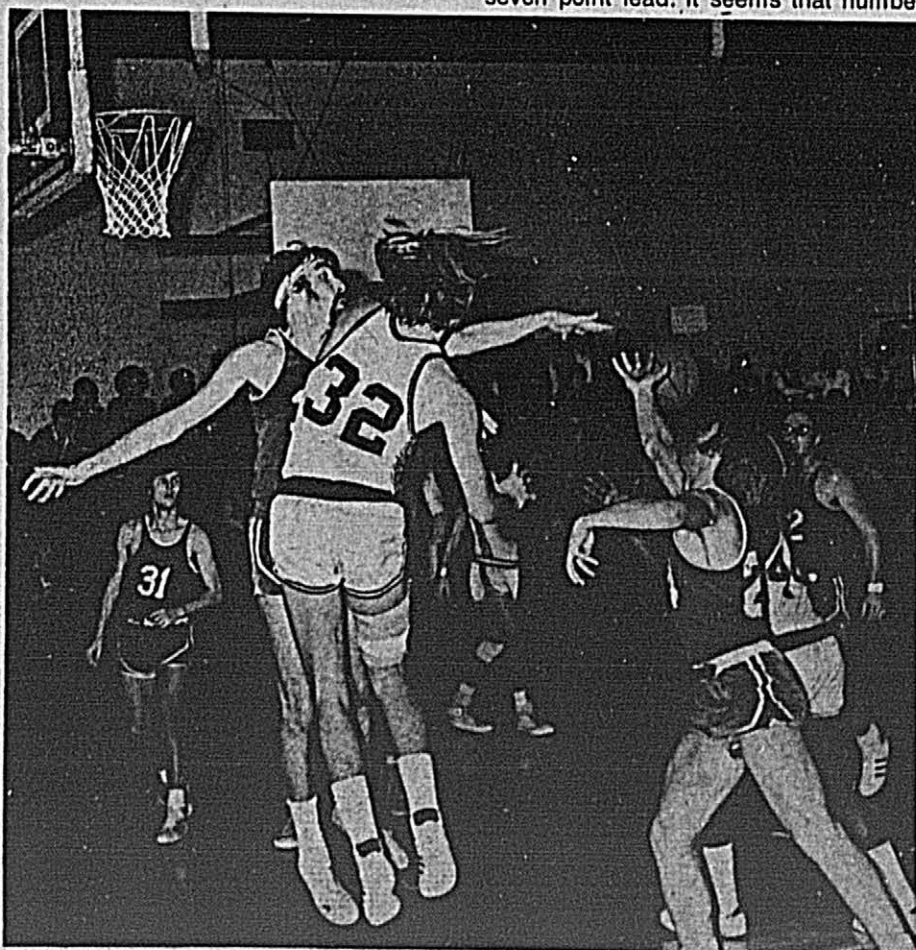
thirteen for RMC couldn't miss a shot. It was later determined that his last name was Lucas and this reporter wondered whether the N.Y. Knicks had checked their roster recently.

At this stage in the game, Coach Wimsner inserted Cliff Bochner. Cliff works for the F.B.I. and was assigned to the Redmen to help put an end to Legges' rein in the sport world. He immediately went to work combining with Naponick on many picture plays. Seeing the fearlessness of the two, the rest of the McGill team caught fire. Most notable were Bob Wylie and Paul LeMaitre as they dove for loose balls and grabbed key rebounds. This team effort pulled McGill into the lead.

However all was not over yet as RMC installed a full court press. This manoeuvre had given McGill a hard time in previous games, but this wasn't to be on Saturday. The well-drilled Redmen had no difficulty breaking the press and began lengthening their lead. They had built up a ten point lead when time expired. Final score was 69-59 for McGill.

Immediately following the game Hus and Elias were seen hailing a cab for Dorval. They were hotly pursued by a black limousine.

Foul shots: The Redmen travel to Sherbrooke next Friday . . . Legges won't make the trip. He's switching back to hockey . . . Loyola protested their last victory over McGill—it seems the Redmen didn't use a regulation ball . . . Truth is they were upset over the shape of the ball—it was round.



daily photos by harold rosenberg

AS OUR RELIABLE PHOTOGRAPHER did not attend the Redmen's weekend match against RMC, we had to consult our files for these action shots of a recent game with Loyola.

Star figure skaters

Saturday morning, McGill's figure skaters flashed their blades in intramural competition and intercollegiate try-outs. Intramurals put science in the lead, followed by nursing and education. Intercollegiate stars are as follows: novice singles, Pat Proudfoot; junior singles, Joanne Laverdiere; intermediate singles, Jane Galbraith; senior singles, Bizzy Bastian; junior dance, Mary Anne Rennie and Pat Proudfoot; senior dance, Mary Anne Rennie and Rae Booth; mixed dance, Merrill Charness and Matthias Louthe, and Steve Foster and Rae Booth; and, last but not least, the famous formation fourteen step, featuring team favorites Mary Anne Rennie, Pat Proudfoot, Merrill Charness, and Rae Booth. Watch as the team cuts the ice in the coming February ice follies.